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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 4520

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR DEVELOPMENTS

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1. IN PRESS INTERVIEW DECEMBER 3, CHIEF SALVADORAN NEGOTIATOR TO THE MEXICO TALKS, DR. GALINDO POHL, STATED THAT IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT A DRAFT ACCORD WOULD BE REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES BY THE DECEMBER 15 DEADLINE. HE ASSERTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS BUT THAT A GREAT DEAL MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE AND THAT THE PERIOD DEVOTED TO THE FOURTH STATE OF THE TALKS, DECEMBER 10-15, WAS INSUFFICIENT TO RESOLVE THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

2. PRESIDENT MOLINA, IN A SPEECH BEFORE MILITARY ACADEMY GRADUATING CLASS DECEMBER 1, JUSTIFIED SALVADORAN DEUNUCIATION OF THE PACT OF BOGOTA ON THE GROUNDS THAT "DIFFERENCES THAT ARISE BETWEEN BROTHERS CANNOT BE, NOR SHOULD THEY BE, RESOLVED BY OUTSIDERS; DIRECT DIALOGUE, FRANK AND WITHOUT RESERVATIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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IS THE ONLY MEANS TO ASSURE LASTING FAMILY HARMONY," MOLINA

TERMED UNNECESSARY THE INTERVENTION OF "COLD, DISTANT TRIBUNALS, FAR FROM OUR PROBLEM" AND EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE CAPACITY AND GOODWILL OF BOTH SIDES TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE. (MOLINA'S REJECTION OF "OUTSIDERS" TO RESOLVE HONDURAS/SALVADOR QUESTION MAY BE USEFUL TO RECALL, IF AND WHEN GOES APPROACHES US AGAIN TO PRESSURE HONDURAS TO SETTLE.)

3. GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO CALM PUBLIC APPREHENSION ABOUT IMPENDING CONFLICT WITH HONDURAS SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN EFFECT. RUMORS THAT CIRCULATED LAST WEEK HAVE VIRTUALLY CEASED AND SITUATION HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL.
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